



MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Attorney Docket No. 26964U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCHMIDT

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Serial No: 10/549,631

Group Art Unit: 1612

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Examiner: BASQUILL, S.M.

For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING CRYSTALLINE CICLESONIDE WITH
DEFINED PARTICLE SIZE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated December 30, 2009 in the above-identified application. The three-month shortened statutory deadline expires March 30, 2010. As such, this Response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is also filed herewith to remove the finality of the Official Action and to ensure full consideration of the amendments submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A **Conclusion** appears on page 16 of this paper.